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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

RELIC OF McCARTHYISM

The late Senator Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin gave his name to an era in U.S. history which was marked by indiscriminate political purges against not only communists, but also non-communist liberals and socialists.

This unlamented era coincided with a nationwide upsurge of anti-union sentiment, partly the reaction against post-World War II strikes.

And when the Taft-Hartley Law was enacted by the 80th Congress over President Truman's veto in 1947, it included a requirement that a union's officials had to sign non-communist affidavits before it could use the services of the National Labor Relations Board.

Many unions refused to comply at first. They felt the law violated constitutional guarantees. But when the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the law, most gave in. A few didn't, including the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

The non-communist oath provision was removed by Congress in October, 1959. But the so-called Mine-Mill case, which went on trial the following month, has only just ended.

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ELEVEN LONG YEARS

The case was pressed by the federal government for 11 long years after the first indictments for filing false non-communist affidavits were returned against 14 officials of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

The final chapter was not written until two weeks ago, when a federal judge dismissed the indictment against six remaining defendants at the request of the Justice Department.

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A COLLECTIVE SIGH

Non-communist affidavits were a dubious measure to begin with. Congress recognized its error in repealing the provision after 12 years, even though the Justice Department continued its vendetta against the Mine-Mill officials.

Other unions, including some with conservative leaderships, joined in a "friend of the court" brief, demonstrating their protest against the continued prosecution of the Mine-Mill officials.

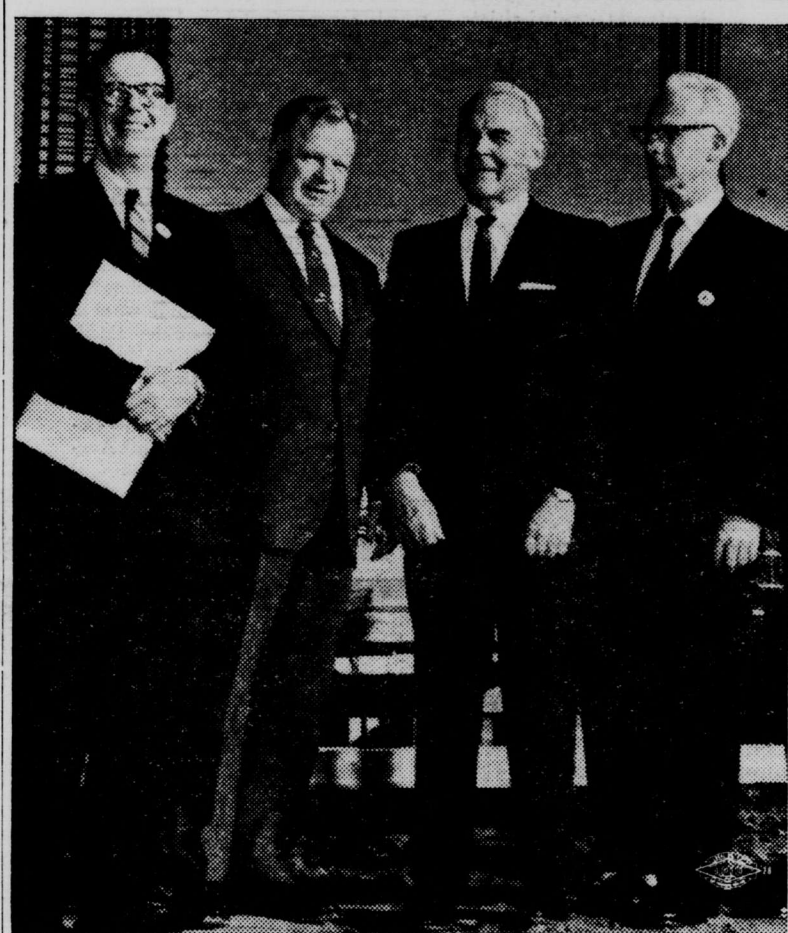
Regardless of the merits of the government's original case, it is fitting that this long period of legal harassment over the politics of a union's elected leaders should end. The entire labor movement should breathe a collective — if you'll pardon the word — sigh of relief.

Ten years after the death of Joe McCarthy, another evil relic of his era has finally died a grudging and unlamented death.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 6 of this issue of the Journal.

Labor Council to fight extremists in politics



CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS on the new \$20 million U.S. Post Office and regional mail distribution center in West Oakland is checked by, from left, Congressman Jeffery Cohelan (D-7th District), Deputy Postmaster General Frederic C. Belen, Oakland Postmaster John Bushell and Kenneth W. Dyal, regional director for the Post Office Department.

More minority group members working on P.O. job--Cohelan

Congressman Jeffery Cohelan has announced "growing participation" by minority group workers in construction of the new U.S. Post Office project in West Oakland.

Shortly before a recent tour of the project by Congressman Cohelan and U.S. Post Office Department officials, more than two out of every five construction workers on the job was a member of a minority group, the project manager, Mort Harris, said.

Congressman Cohelan said he had been informed by Post Office Department officials that the number of minority group workers in each of the crafts represented had been increasing "with one or two exceptions."

Cohelan specifically mentioned the Operating Engineers but indicated that the number from that union on the project at that time was relatively small.

WEEKLY MEETINGS
Deputy Postmaster General Frederic C. Belen, who accompanied Congressman Cohelan on the inspection tour, declared:

"We consider that we are making progress. We're meeting with them (representatives of unions and contractors) every week." Cohelan added he felt "progress."

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April election endorsements will be made

Plans for a full-scale political action program in coming municipal and school board elections were approved by the Alameda County Central Labor Council Monday night.

Delegates voted to make endorsements in next Tuesday's Berkeley City Council and Board of Education races and in the following elections to be held April 18:

Oakland City Council, Oakland Board of Education, South County Joint Junior College District, Castro Valley Unified School District and New Haven Unified School District.

EXTREMIST THREATS

Following a recommendation by the council's Executive Committee, Executive Secretary-Treasurer Robert S. Ash urged the complete set of endorsements because—he said—"Birchers are trying to take over" in the South County Junior College, Chabot and New Haven districts.

And, Ash said, "kooks on the other side of the fence" are opposing candidates who have proved themselves friends of organized labor in Berkeley.

Several delegates disagreed with a suggestion by Joe W. Chaudet, general manager of the East Bay Labor Journal and delegate from Newspaper Guild 52, that political endorsements be "held in abeyance" until after a new executive secretary-treasurer is chosen in May to succeed Ash.

Chaudet argued against "spreading ourselves so thin all over the county."

But Leslie K. Moore, business representative of Auto and Ship Painters 1176, said although he agreed with Chaudet on some points he differed over what he

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Ash testimonial in June planned

President Russell Crowell of the Central Labor Council appointed the following committee to plan a testimonial dinner honoring retiring Executive Secretary-Treasurer Robert S. Ash in June:

Joe Chaudet, Newspaper Guild 52, chairman; Executive Assistant Secretary Richard K. Groulx; Charles F. Jones, Retail Clerks 870; Paul Jones, Laborers 304; Leslie K. Moore, Auto and Ship Painters 1176; Pat Sander, Cooks 228, and DeWayne Williams, Automotive Machinists 1546.

Crowell will serve on the committee as CLC president. Jones is president of the Building Trades Council.

Chaudet added the following members: former CLC presidents Al Brown and John Quinn; Joe Angelo, Steelworkers, and Al Arellano, Lamar Childers, Bruce Dillashaw, Al Thoman and Tom Sweeney of the Building Trades Council.

Resignation of Ash formally accepted

The resignation of Robert S. Ash, veteran executive secretary-treasurer of the Central Labor Council, was formally accepted by delegates Monday night, effective July 1.

The council voted to follow Ash's recommendation, made March 6, that an election for his successor be held in May. It also approved pension arrangements and decided to retain Ash as a salaried legislative consultant for a period of two years.

Ash's resignation had been held in abeyance by the council since it was tendered in a surprise move on the 6th. In a lengthy statement at that time, Ash indicated he wanted to spend time doing things which had been impossible as a full-time labor representative.

Dailey Chevrolet picketed

Pickets from Office and Technical Employees 29 marched in front of Dailey Chevrolet Co., San Leandro, Monday after the union filed unfair labor practice charges against the firm with the National Labor Relations Board.

Business Representative Joe Nedham said members of Automotive Salesmen 1095, Automotive Machinists 1546, Auto and Ship Painters 1176 and Automotive Teamsters 78 respected the picket line.

Nedham said the union signed up a majority of the firm's office employees and notified management it wanted recognition. Instead, he charged, the firm refused recognition and began interrogating employees about their union affiliation in violation of the law.

Several other charges include termination of an employee due to union activity, according to Nedham. The strike has been sanctioned by the Central Labor Council.

HOW TO BUY

Tips on cars, food, other purchases

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

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The living is easier this April. Some foods are temporarily cheaper. The post-Easter clearances offer money-saving opportunities in women's children's and men's clothing.

Mortgage interest rates have come down slightly from last fall's "near-panic" peaks. They are likely to fall further.

We're even getting a little price competition in the auto business at the manufacturer level. In recent years, the dealers have had to do most of the competing, while the makers held their prices up, except for "mechanical allowances" to move left-over models at season's end.

But this year, sales of new cars have been running 15 to 25 per cent behind last year. The result has been a price drop on both new and used models. One help in this respect has been a recent reduction in interest rates dealers pay to banks and finance companies on loans to finance their inventories.

INTERESTING NEWS to moderate income families is the manufacturer price cut of \$200 on a U.S.-made compact model, Rambler American. This cut puts the U.S. compacts more directly in competition with imported compacts, while providing more passenger and trunk capacity and power, and more widely-available service and parts.

The price cut also arouses new interest in the use of compacts, which save on operating costs as well as purchase price. The U.S. compacts usually can be counted on for average gas consumption of 20 or so miles per gallon, the small imports about 25-30.

You can expect some discounts on prices, although not as much as on the more-expensive full-sized cars. The dealers' own margin on compact and intermediate cars usually is about 18-21 per cent of the list price, compared to the more typical 25 per cent on standard-size cars.

Another significant aspect of the announcement by Rambler on its compact is that from now on it will not change its model each year except for actual safety and performance improvements. If other manufacturers pick up this idea, cars in general will be cheaper.

The imported cars hold down their costs by avoiding annual changes. These usually are only surface or appearance changes. More important basic changes

usually are made only every two or three years.

GASOLINE PRICES: The oil companies have raised gasoline prices again on top of last year's increases. They also have been avoiding price wars. People in the Midwest get charged most for gasoline for no reason except the apparent lack of competition. Car owners in the Far West and Southwest also pay more than average. Those in the Northeast and Texas pay least.

The oil companies did not need the latest price increase, since their "earnings" (profits) have risen in the past two years. They argue that the service stations do need the additional margin, and that half the increase is going to them.

(One group of gas stations in California actually announced that it was raising its prices "to meet competition.")

Here are facts that can help you keep down gasoline bills:

- Most cars, unless they have very high compression ratios, do not need premium grade. The regular grade of most brands has been increased steadily over the years so that present "regular" now is the equivalent in anti-knock quality to the "premium" of a few years ago.

- Unadvertised brands of gas selling for 2 or 3 cents less usually are the same quality as advertised brands. In fact, the unadvertised brands usually are bought from the same suppliers and are the same gasoline, a major oil company admitted in testifying to the Federal Trade Commission several years ago.

- Moderate, even speeds, avoidance of jackrabbit starts and of hard braking, hold down consumption.

FOOD CALENDAR: Eggs are the buy of the month—in fact, the year.

April is the month of heaviest supply, and in any case egg production is heavier than a year ago. Two large eggs or three medium are the protein equivalent of an average serving of meat at half or less the cost.

In red meats, beef is more abundant than last year, with pork also still in good supply, although supplies will be lower and prices higher when warm weather arrives. Fish filets and steaks also are in heavy supply. Canned salmon also is good value this year.

Orange juice concentrate is in heavy supply and priced low.

Study club

Candidates in the Oakland city election will address the Alameda County Democratic Women's Study Club's monthly meeting Wednesday at Lovely's, 336 Grand Ave., Oakland.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!



Sportswear Everyone Will Wear



Pantsuits, mini-skirts, pantdresses and culottes are four words that sum up the 1967 sportswear news, made important by a seven letter word—COMFORT.

A natural in this "All American" picture are spare little tank tops, the belted overblouse, ribbed turtlenecks and the ruffled "dandy blouse"—ready to be mixed-and-matched at the drop of a fancy.

Easily the favorite in standard length skirts, if you're not the mini-skirt type, is the gored skirt or the A line, generally flattering to most figures, and part of fashion's current mood for freedom. Pants are trim and straight from the knee down. For this reason alone more women will find they have the so-called figure for pants. Jackets are mixed or matched,

generally longer, often flaring slightly over the hips.

Culottes are as feminine as they are flattering and particularly appropriate in long versions for entertaining at home.

If you're a young devotee of this wonderful way of dressing (and who isn't) and heading for college this Fall, you'll want a new informative booklet titled, "Your College Wardrobe," available free for the asking through the Consumer Service Division, ILGWU. Write Union Label Department, RL2, 275 Seventh Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Unionist says CAPRI unique

CAPRI, a group organized by the Association of California Consumers for a broad-based attack on proposed telephone rate increases, is the only organization actively promoting the interests of consumers in this important field.

So said Al Thoman, business representative for Carpenters 36 and member of the Executive Board of the Labor-backed association, at a recent meeting of the Central Labor Council.

Thoman pointed out Governor Ronald Reagan has already appointed two new members to the State Public Utilities Commission, which is holding hearings on the telephone company proposal.

He urged unionists to join the Association of California Consumers for \$5 and back its CAPRI—Committee Against the Phone Rate Increase—by sending in an extra \$1.85, the amount by which the average monthly residential phone bill will be increased if the request is granted.

Details may be obtained from Art Danforth, treasurer, Association of California Consumers, 380 Corte Madera Ave., Corte Madera, Calif. 94925. Applications for ACC membership or donations to CAPRI should also be sent to the association in care of Danforth at this address.

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Broader vistas for the fair sex

President Johnson thinks the nation's women don't have enough opportunities.

He wants to give them more. Acting on recommendations from his Federal Women's Award Study Group, LBJ directed drafting of a new executive order to increase the opportunities for women in government employment.

The study group also recommended:

- Development by the U.S. Civil Service Commission of a federal personnel reporting system to provide information for a full appraisal of the position of women in government.

- Modification of civil service requirements to give more credit for community, cultural and other activities.

- Executive branch programs geared to recruiting women for part-time employment.

- Annual review of each federal agency's program for more effective use of qualified women.

President Johnson directed Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz to have the Interdepartmental Committee on the Status of Women draft the executive order by July 1.

Women Demos

Women Democrats-East Bay plan a no-host luncheon at Lovely's, 336 Grand Ave., Oakland, at noon April 12. The program will be presented by the Legislative Committee. A board meeting will begin at 11 a.m.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you have finished reading it!

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A few words for UNION CONSUMERS

STEPS TO REDUCE state expenditures for drugs have resulted from a four month investigation of drug prices by the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

Assemblyman Robert W. Crown (D-Alameda) made the results public. He said he hoped the Reagan Administration would act promptly to carry out the recommendations.

The study was conducted by a subcommittee headed by then-Assemblyman Nicholas C. Petris (D-Oakland), now a state senator.

IT RECOMMENDS that drug-gists filling prescriptions under the state's Medi-Cal program receive a fixed fee of \$2.05 per prescription, plus the cost of the ingredients.

The state currently uses a markup system.

"The use of a fixed professional fee will facilitate dispensing of lower-priced drug products and thereby save the state money, because under the fee approach, the pharmacist's profit is not geared to the price of the drug dispensed as it is under a markup system of pricing," Crown said.

UNDERLYING the controversy is the fact that wholesale drug prices for equivalent products often vary a great deal.

For example, the subcommittee found that reserpine, purchased wholesale under its generic name, costs as little as 65 cents per 1,000 tablets, but sells for as high as \$38.50 per 1,000 under trade names.

Crown observed the public would benefit if pharmacists used the proposed system for all clients.

He also suggested drug manufacturers stop the practice of having different price schedules for hospitals, doctors or clinics, and drug stores.

In case a crowd comes for dinner

The following was published in the Co-op News' "Letters to the editor . . ." column, signed by Lee Hardin of Berkeley:

"In a recipe book put out by my mother's church women's association, I came across the following interesting recipe:

"ELEPHANT STEW"

"1 elephant
"2 rabbits (optional)
"Pepper to taste
"Salt to taste
"Cut elephant into small bite-size pieces. This should take about two months.

"Add enough brown gravy to cover. Cook over kerosene fire for about four weeks at 465 degrees.

"This should serve 3,800 people. If more are expected, two rabbits may be added, but do this only if necessary, as most people do not like to find hare in their stew."

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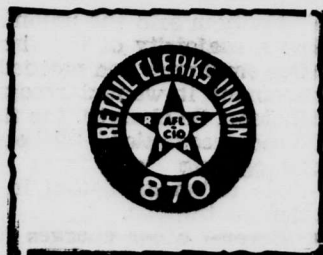
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Is growth slowing in state economy? —report hints it is

Is the growth in California's economy slowing down?

For the first time in 18 months, unemployment in February was higher than a year earlier. And there has been a slowdown in the state's rising number of jobs.

This was reported by the State Department of Employment and the State Department of Industrial Relations.

Unemployment in February was 459,000, or 39,000 above January. The February, 1967, figure was higher than the year-ago jobless rate by 8,000.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the unemployment rate rose from 4.7 per cent in January to 5 per cent in February, compared with 5.1 per cent in February, 1966.

Employment in both construction and agriculture was below a year ago. And the aerospace industry "has shown little expansion in recent months," the two departments said.

BAY AREA, TOO

In the San Francisco-Oakland labor market area, unemployment at 68,500 in February was 3,700 higher than a month earlier. It was 1,600 above February, 1966.

Total employment in this area was up 34,600 over a year ago, a rise of 2.8 per cent. But more than half of this gain was in government jobs, with public utilities and service occupations showing some increases.

The continuing slowdown in construction was reflected in loss of 5,300 workers from building trades payrolls. Shipyard and automobile assembly employment was also below a year ago.

Free film offered on social security

A 10 minute film featuring President Johnson and AFLCIO President George Meany in behalf of social security improvements may be borrowed without charge by labor organizations.

The film was first shown at a series of rallies in major cities. The rallies were held to show support for the benefit improvements. The film is suitable for showing to union meetings, PTAs, civic associations and fraternal groups to enlist broader support for the legislation now before Congress.

Prints may be obtained by writing to Walter G. Davis, director, AFLCIO Department of Education, 815 16th St., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

Jobless pay case over hazard issue

Members of Laborers 324 who walked off the Bay Area Rapid Transit District tunnel job in the Berkeley hills because of a possible hazardous condition will try to collect unemployment benefits.

Cleophas Brown, assistant business representative of the Contra Costa County union, said great volumes of dust from a new boring machine, nicknamed the "mole," created what the two unionists involved considered a serious hazard.

He said the union is appealing a recent ruling against the two by the local office of the State Department of Employment.

Refugee problem

Of 170,000 new refugees coming under United Nations jurisdiction during the first nine months of 1966, at least 125,000 were Africans.

Negotiators for Sears, Electrical Workers 202 reach accord on pact

Negotiators for Sears, Roebuck & Co. and Electrical Workers 202 have reached agreement on a new three year contract giving appliance and television repairmen raises totalling 62½ cents an hour.

According to Leonard Paquette, shop steward and Negotiating Committee member, the 90 repairmen who work out of the San Leandro and San Pablo service centers of the company, will receive the following:

Twenty cents an hour retroactive to Jan. 1, 15 cents July 1, 15 cents Jan. 1, 1968, and 12½ cents July 1, 1968.

The agreement, which was being submitted to union members for approval, would permit re-opening of the contract the third year for further wage discussions.

Arca, Benner win posts on Ashland Fire Board

Dave Arca, recording secretary to East Bay Steel Machinists 1304, is the new president of the Ashland Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

Arca, who is also a columnist for the East Bay Labor Journal, replaces Harold Benner, executive secretary of Oakland Unified School District Employees 257, as president of the board.

Benner will become secretary of the board.

The Ashland fire board is one of the few such agencies in Alameda County with two unionists as members.

'No raiding' pact OK'd by Teamsters, TWUA

A "no raiding" agreement has been approved by the Textile Workers Union of America, AFLCIO, and the Teamsters, pledging both labor organizations to avoid jurisdictional disputes.

The unions will recommend to their members that they respect lawfully-established picket lines, and each is to refrain from trying to organize where the other has an established collective bargaining relationship.

Calif. unionists' help asked to win fair pact in Carolina

California unionists have been asked to help members of the Textile Workers in Elkin, North Carolina, in a battle which involves the Blue Chip Stamp Co.

Eighteen months ago, the Textile Workers won bargaining rights in a National Labor Relations Board election at Chatham Manufacturing Co. in the North Carolina town.

The company manufactures blankets, including such well-known brands as Chatham, North Star, Springfield, Kenwood, Purrey and Fibre Woven.

Like many other textile firms in the South, the company has a long history of anti unionism. The union has charged there is a conspiracy by Chatham and 16 other southern plants to keep the union out, regardless of the workers' wishes.

The union has won collective bargaining rights at the 16 other plants, too, but has been unable to obtain decent agreements with them, either.

TWO DAY STRIKE

The basic issue at Chatham is minimum standards of contract language. After 30 sessions since August, 1965, the union went out on a two day strike last September to protest the company's refusal to bargain.

Although there was no violence, the company obtained an injunction limiting pickets and then launched a recruitment campaign for strikebreakers. Aft-

Machinists win exclusive recognition for Alameda Naval Air Station unit

Machinists' Lodge 739 has won exclusive recognition under Executive Order 10988 at Alameda Naval Air Station.

Lodge 739 represents machinists, tool makers, tool room attendants, machine operators, helpers and apprentices.

Exclusive recognition was granted after a card check showed more than half of the employees in the unit were members of the union.

er the two day work stoppage, 13 workers lost their jobs.

In an effort to combat this unfair display of company power, the Textile Workers Union of America is launching a consumer boycott and is asking the public not to buy the company's products.

TWUA has also asked various trading stamp companies to stop handling these products of the anti-union firm. Among those co-operating are S&H Green Stamp Co. and Top Value Stamp Co.

Frank Nickolas, TWUA's West Coast representative, said so far efforts to contact representatives of the Blue Chip Stamp Co. in Richmond, which buys more than \$500,000 worth of Chatham blankets annually, have been unsuccessful.

Since the Blue Chip firm has been in the process of negotiating a new contract with Chatham and preparing a new catalog including Chatham blankets, the union has appealed to all California workers and fair-minded consumers to help urge Blue Chip to aid this fight for decency.

Central Labor Council seats 4 new delegates

Four new delegates have been seated by the Central Labor Council:

Peter Baerwald, Hospital Workers 250; Rowland Emmert, Social Workers 535; MacCurry Martin Jr., Commercial Telegraphers 208, and Samuel Thomas, American Federation of Government Employees 1533.

Revised AFLCIO shop steward manual issued

A completely revised AFLCIO Manual for Shop Stewards has been issued.

Single copies are free from the AFLCIO Pamphlet Division, 815 16th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

For orders from two to 100 copies, the 64 page manual costs 20 cents a copy.

UFWOC wins at Christian Bros. in Napa County

More than 80 per cent of the eligible employees of the Christian Brothers Mt. La Salle Vineyards in Napa County chose the AFLCIO United Farm Workers Organizing Committee at a State Conciliation Service check.

Christian Brothers recognized the union nearly a year ago, but an attorney insisted the card check be held. It showed 29 out of 35 eligible employees favoring UFWOC representation.

State Conciliator Ralph F. Duncan said he expected negotiations to start "forthwith."

Duncan said if the contract includes hiring procedures, this could resolve the issue of whether UFWOC represents Christian Brothers workers at Reedley, Fresno County, most of whom are now provided by farm labor contractors.

AFSCME official criticizes mental health budget cuts

Clem R. Regner, area director of the AFLCIO American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, has voiced severe criticism of proposed state mental hygiene budget cuts.

He said that "the proposal by Legislative Analyst Post to close down three of our state mental hospitals is unthinkable. It is worse than Governor Reagan's proposed cut of \$12 million."

Regner added that "we should all rejoice that modern methods of treatment allow many to live in a community who in earlier days would have been confined to mental institutions."

But, he said, with the state's population growth, the pressure on state hospitals will increase. If the program is curtailed, it will eventually result in higher costs to the public, Regner said.

He urged that funds be saved through outpatient treatment and the savings used to increase salaries of grossly under paid state hospital employees.

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SALAMANDER STOVE still keeps pickets warm at Kingsport Press, Kingsport, Tenn., despite the big publishing firm's efforts to have city officials declare it illegal under the phony guise of "safety." The strike by 1,200 unionists is now four years old. One of the major causes

was the company's discriminatory treatment of women employees. Organized labor across the nation has united in persuading school boards to shun texts and encyclopedias printed by the non-union firm in favor of union-produced books.

642's Straight Line

BY MARVIN MARTIN

The Carpenters' dance held on March 11 was well attended and all will agree was certainly a fine affair. It was a pleasure to see many of our retired members there renewing old acquaintances and enjoying themselves chatting and dancing.

For those members who have not paid the new blood bank assessment, you may want to include the \$1 with your second quarter dues: that is April, May and June. We will not send special notices to each and every one of you; however you will be reminded again through this column, as some of the members have already paid dues for the second quarter.

The following brothers are hospitalized: Bennie Ramsrud is in Brookside Hospital convalescing after surgery; Pat McKinney, who was just here to pay dues last week, returned to Grants Pass, Ore., to be hospitalized there; Orville S. Arnold is in Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco after eye surgery. We wish a speedy recovery to them and all of our brothers who are on the sick list.

Local 642 is sending a full delegation to the Legislative Conference in Sacramento, to be held April 3, 4, 5 and 6. Elected to attend were the following: Bobby G. Robertson, Calvin M. Verrinder, J. Lawrence Lynch and Delbert Kimbrough.

Life may be defined as an obligation to live meaningfully and an opportunity to do so.

Take care of what has to be done today, and you will be free for whatever tasks tomorrow has in store for you.

A conference is a place where you can talk about something instead of doing it.

Barbers 134

BY JACK M. REED

Brothers, I am happy to report that on Monday night, March 20, the San Leandro Council turned down a request by Ernie Phillips and partner John DeLeon, owners of two scab barber shops, to abolish the Sunday closing and hours ordinance in San Leandro. Again the San Leandro barbers got off their

seats and appeared at this meeting with their attorney to show their positive disapproval of these scabs trying to tear down conditions that they worked so hard to achieve.

San Leandro Mayor Jack Maltester and Councilmen Polvorosa, Taylor, Suerstedt and Pomares (Kant and Swift were unavoidably absent) all voted to sustain the ordinance and are hereby given a heartfelt thanks. All 80 of you San Leandro barbers should make your appreciation known to these men, and don't forget them when they need your support.

At the conclusion of our next regular meeting on Thursday night, April 27, Local 134 will inaugurate a series of styling demonstrations. Our platform artist will be Joe Lopez, owner of the Comb and Scissors Barber Shop, located in Berkeley. Joe will demonstrate his shape relax style. The success of these forthcoming demonstrations will be judged by the interest shown by your attendance. Please make every effort to attend.

Two bills need your utmost attention and support by writing to your state senator and assemblyman: A.B. 920 by Assemblyman Negri and A.B. 678. Both of these bills deal with stopping beauticians from cutting males' hair for less than state barber minimum prices. Your senators are Lewis Sherman, Nicholas Petris and Clark Bradley. Assemblymen are Carlos Bee, Robert Crown, Mrs. March Fong, Don Mulford and John J. Miller. Be sure to write to these people and tell them of your support.

Chips and Chatter

BY AL THOMAN

Not much chatter and very few chips, but here goes:

List up slightly to 279 after rollovers, what with rain and all better than expected.

Two or three of our fellows who have been in Seattle came by and say it's real slow up there now.

I was told by the agent at Grass Valley that the Bullard's Bar Dam is picking up a few men, but he has over a hundred on the list.

Brother Elwood Wallace is in Civic Center Hospital for a spell. That's about it.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Watchmakers Local 101

BY GEORGE F. ALLEN

We have just heard news that we do not feel happy to report to the membership: i.e. Andy Nemes, who has been a member of this union for many years and is in business with his brother Robert Nemes, also a member of this union, at 4070 Piedmont Ave., Oakland, is on the sick list, and we have been told that he may not be able to return to work for some time. Needless to say, we sincerely hope his recovery is faster than expected.

We have had other disturbing news in our industry this past week. John Bicknell who is a member of our union, with a place of business at 210 Post St., was robbed. Nick Ianneo was the only one on the premises at the time. The amount of the loss has not been established to the best of our knowledge.

Bennett's Jewelers, owned by Syd Plottel, who is a signatory to our union agreement, was also robbed.

We understand there are warnings being issued to the jewelry industry by the police departments.

We have also had several recent moves in our local union.

Nolan Holdridge, previously employed by Milens Jewelers in San Rafael, purchased the concession at Woolworth's, Fifth and Market Sts., San Francisco, from Howard Gaba, who was also a member of this union.

Willard Cole, previously employed by A.G.E. of Oakland, purchased Milan's Jewelers, located at 148 California St., San Francisco.

SAN JOSE MEETING

The next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m., Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa St., San Jose.

Carpenters Auxiliary 667

BY OSIE MARTIN

A St. Patrick's theme prevailed at the last session of Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary 667, and each member and guest from Oakland Carpenters Auxiliary 160 were presented Irish green hatpins to wear.

Tables were decorated in green and white. Also the big cake had Happy St. Patrick's Day on it.

Members of Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary 160 attending included: Opal Moore, Alice Harrel, Luana Giekerson, Ethel Meyers,

Charlotte Fax, Grace Fax and Annie Elwin.

Members present were given green aprons to wear, made of crepe paper with white ruffles. Those present included: Osie Martin, Vera Walker, Velma Bush, Jane Allen, Addie Stoddard, Marcelle Darr, Rosa Cecil, Junita Bogges and Rose Howard.

Games were played during the evening. Prizes were given to Alta Benonys, first; Bernice Parkhurst, second, and Eunice Griebel, third. Bingo was also played. Mrs. Osie Martin and Mrs. Jane Allen were in charge of arrangements.

AFSCME, Local 371 'Info'

BY NAT DICKERSON

As we came into the Easter weekend, the harsh, heavy heels of the boots of the supervisors were again felt in Alameda County. The supine Civil Service Commission is more than likely to harken to the voices of its masters.

They will try to impose stringently retaliatory measures against workers trying to protect their livelihoods.

But this time, the hospital workers are not the only casualties; by the loss of one of the most able business representatives U.C. Employees 371 has ever had, this union was also dealt a tragic blow.

We have been informed, however, that our able business representative and the Negotiating Committee of the local won important and much needed guarantees from campus administration at the last meeting.

This meeting was held Friday, March 17, in Sproul Hall.

Due to an injury, the writer was unable to attend, but from information he has received, it was sort of a "swan song" for our business representative.

He is returning to aid Hospital Workers 390 in their fight with the supervisors and Civil Service Commission of Alameda County. Many of these people have not regained their jobs because of arbitrary and condescending treatment by the "powers that be."

A very strange aspect of these matters—according to the viewpoint—is the fact that most of these workers not having regained their jobs are Negroes and other minority group members, while their detractors are predominantly representatives of the majority race.

This issue of race would not be surprising in the Deep South, but "we all" had thought we had come a long way here in Alameda County. What is it to be: a takeover for an alien culture or a revival of the trend toward democratic principles and practices?

We feel that the specter of race, associated with anti-unionism, portends a disastrous downfall for our local government.

Sheet Metal Credit Union

BY BERT TONZI

Ever since our credit union was organized, I have been an advocate of a steady savings program. If every member of Local 216 had joined at that time and only invested in one share per month, now we would have in excess of \$280,000. Remember, this is only one \$5 share a month. Think of the possibilities of your own loan company with a backlog of this size or larger. We are all working toward the day we can retire, be we 21 or 50. A steady savings program is the best way to set up a continuous and growing source of money. If you have any questions, call 653-0996 and ask Al.

All transactions with your credit union may be made by mail. By using this convenient method, you can send in your shares every week with no trouble. Remember, every share carries an equal amount of life insurance for you. Send your shares to P.O. Box 2833, Rockridge Station, Oakland 94618, and watch your estate value grow. For real personal service, see my friend, Bill Mansell, at the Union Office on Tuesday nights from 8 to 9:15.

Barbers Credit Union

BY MABEL V. DIXON

Local 134, Barber's and Beauticians Credit Union, held its regular meeting Monday noon, with the President Al Doyle presiding.

Union members, did you know that car insurance is available at a low rate through your credit union? For information, please contact the office at 832-1955.

Will all other union members reading this please ask your barber if he belong to the credit union? If not, tell him that he is missing some important information that could save him time and money.

The board members want Mr. Mattoch to know that he will be missed, and we did appreciate the outstanding work that he did: the time and the patience that he gave to any job that he undertook. It is with deep regret that we accept his resignation, and all our best wishes go with him and the family in their new home in Southern California.

Fewer libraries

The number of public libraries in the United States dropped from 7,800 in 1960 to 7,257 in 1964, according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organizations.



MOBILE MEDICAL CENTER is donated to the Trades Union Congress of Ghana by the AFLCIO. President George Meany of the AFLCIO shows Secretary-General Benjamin Benton of the Ghana TUC a picture of the truck. The truck was donated by the AFLCIO and supplies for it by the United Auto Workers.

Retail Clerks Local 870

BY CHARLES F. JONES

The convention of the California State Council of Retail Clerks was held in San Francisco last week. Those in attendance included International Secretary-Treasurer William Maguire, Vice President John Haletsky, Chief Legal Council Sol Lipman, ABC Director Charles Lipson and International President James A. Suffridge, who extended his fraternal greetings to the members of Local 870.

The two day convention was very well attended, and the delegates heard a number of inspiring talks by our international officers. President Suffridge, in his speech, congratulated the delegates for their part in the organizing campaign that has brought the membership in the RCIA to over one-half million members.

Brother Suffridge also spoke on the importance of continued organizing of the unorganized employees working under the jurisdiction of the RCIA. He strongly emphasized the fact that to protect the contract conditions that we have for our members, it is our duty and responsibility to organize those who work under substandard conditions.

International Legal Councilor Sol Lipman warned the delegates about the union busting legislation that is being proposed by unfriendly congressmen and senators. Some of the proposed bills would set labor back 100 years. We will advise you later on these bills when we receive more information from the international office.

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Sister Virginia M. Gurnett, Guy's Drug, who passed away March 19, and Sister Lelia Van Horne, who passed away March 20, 1967.

Com. Telegraphers 208

BY LARRY ROSS

Membership meeting Wednesday, April 5, 4:45 p.m., Danish Hall, 164 11th St., upstairs.

Force reduction notices were issued to 22 traffic members on March 17 as a result of the phasing out of the Oakland Reperforator Office.

As of this writing, very few members have indicated a desire to transfer with their work to Los Angeles, Portland or San Francisco.

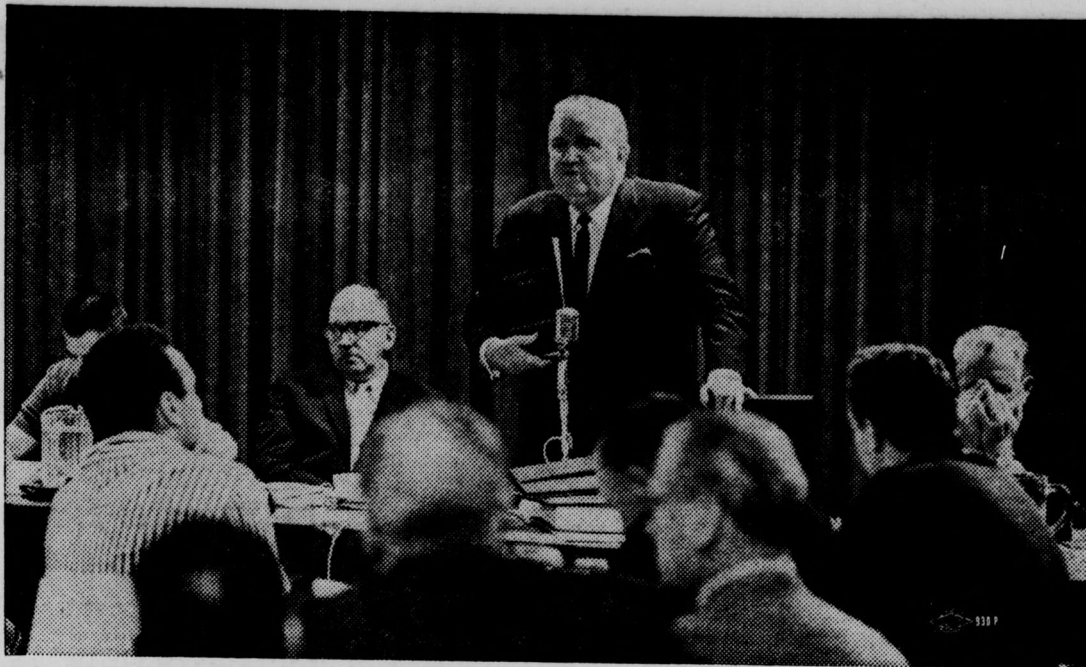
Members with less than two years' service who do not desire to transfer to another city will be cut off of the rolls on April 5.

As additional circuits are transferred, more force reduction notices will be issued.

So far, the company has not come up with a single comparable job. All members with five years or more class-of-work seniority are eligible for this option. Even if the company does not come up with any comparable jobs, it must keep those who choose the option on the active rolls—without a reduction in pay.

The company cannot make comparable jobs available until the jobs are first bulletined and are vacant as a result of no qualified bidders. In the meantime, members who choose this option will be kept on the active rolls without a reduction in pay.

When a comparable job does become available and the member declines to accept it, said member is declared redundant and is entitled to the benefits of Articles 23 and 24 of the contract. At this time, the member can accept layoff, bump, take severance pay, pension—providing, his seniority entitles him to these additional options.



PAUL HALL, president of the Seafarers and of the AFLCIO Maritime Trades Department addresses a recent meeting of the department's Executive Council, which authorized an in-

depth study of Landrum-Griffin Law court decisions to assess their long-term impact upon collective bargaining. Peter M. McGavin, secretary-treasurer of the department, is at left.

Steamfitters Local 342

BY JIM MARTIN

We wish to remind you that our next membership meeting, to be held on April 6, has been designated as a special called meeting for the purpose of voting on the resolution which if adopted provides that our union's Negotiating Committee meet with our employer associations' principals for the sole purpose that its request of 15 cents per hour be deducted from the hourly wage rate and be added to the Pension Fund contribution, effective July 1, 1967 and 1968.

Also, at this meeting the election of the union's delegates (7) to the California Pipe Trades Council Convention to be held at the Hilton Inn in San Diego April 21, 22 and 23 will be held. Polls will be open from 4 to 10 p.m. Please check your sample ballot for complete information.

It seems that the jigsaw puzzle involving C. F. Braun Co.'s Humble Oil project, Benicia, Calif., is about all in place. As you are aware, General President Peter T. Schoemann of our United Association Constitution, took jurisdiction of this project and authorized United Association Local Union 38 of San Francisco as source of manpower. This project will require some 1,000 pipefitters, welders, instrumentation men and welders at the peak. Complete information and details as to manpower, etc., will be furnished through Local Union 38's hiring office and will be reported to you at the April 6 membership meeting so that you may receive first-hand information on this matter.

Our out-of-work list still shows close to 450 fitters, welders and apprentices out of work; however H. K. Ferguson and Harbor Mechanical companies have been adding a few to their manpower requirements.

The Bechtel Corp. has advised that they have openings for pipefitters and welders on the following jobs in the United States:

1. Hopewell, Va., Allied Chemical Co. project, wage rate \$4.30 per hour, \$2 per day travel allowance, Local Union No. 10, Richmond, Va.

2. Harbor Beach, Mich., Detroit Edison Power Co., wage rate \$4.78 per hour (undetermined wage increase will be effective May 1), \$8 per day travel allowance, Local Union No. 777.

Both jobs are currently on 40

hour week schedules with occasional unscheduled overtime being worked. These jobs are of long duration.

Should any of our members be interested in going to work on these jobs, you should contact Jack M. Price, labor relations representative, by phoning 415-433-4567, Extension 3447, so arrangements can be made for employment on these projects.

Please be sure to be in attendance at the April 6 meeting.

Millmen 550

BY CLYDE JOHNSON

Starting April 1, the employers' payments to the Mill-Cabinet Pension Fund will be 15 cents per hour for each hour worked by each employee.

The five cent increase in pension payments was negotiated in the 1965-1967 Mill-Cabinet Union Contract.

The trustees of the Mill-Cabinet Pension Trust have agreed to the following increases in pension payments, effective April 1, 1967:

Pensioners retired under the plan prior to Jan. 1, 1967, will have the unit value raised to 23 cents from the 19 cents per unit.

Members who retire after Jan. 1, 1967, will receive pensions based on a value of 25 cents per unit.

The original group of retirees under Section 21 of the Trust Agreement will have their pensions increased by 21.5 per cent. The increases will either be in the regular April pension checks or in a supplemental check, depending upon how quickly the attorneys prepare the formal documents.

At the same time, the length of service required for establishing vested rights in the pension program was reduced from 25 years to ten years at any age.

A reciprocity provision for the Pension Trust will be acted upon soon in the form of an amendment to the trust.

It will provide for members to receive credit for pension credits earned under other programs, so long as that pension trust agrees to our credit exchange program. When the resolution is officially adopted, it will be explained in detail here. That should be very soon. We will have a real victory for our goal of completely portable pensions.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you and demand the union label!

Typographical Auxiliary

BY ERMINE SULLIVAN

Members of No. 26 will have an opportunity to get acquainted with Marin County for our next meeting. It will be held Thursday, April 6, at the home of Mae Marquand, 68 Manzanita Road, Fairfax, phone 456-9914. Bring sandwiches.

Here's how to get there: From San Anselmo, drive two miles along Sir Francis Drake highway to Fairfax, turn left into Bolinas, then right into Frustic to Manzanita. Go to No. 68 and you're there.

Election of officers for the coming year will be held. Other subjects will include a report on the Charter Day dinner at the Claremont Hotel, a report on the apron project for mentally retarded women and several propositions by the Laws Committee for suggested changes in laws at the next WIA convention.

Cave-in deaths

Fourteen times as many workers die from caving ditches, trenches and excavations than from other construction work accidents in proportion to the number of disabling injuries, according to the California Division of Industrial Safety.

Steel Machinists 1304

BY DAVE ARCA

Hi. These are the feminine months of the year. At least more ladies are named April, May, or June than men. Wouldn't you say?

Speaking of ladies, they're our prettiest people. Even while cuddlesome and soft, they're harder than nails. Emotionally triggered they're deadlier than males. Especially in elections. Women vote more than men.

So, ladies, if you and your husband can vote in Oakland elections, quiz candidates who seek your support. Find out if he favors a payroll tax in Oakland. If he does, dump him. Payroll tax was proposed for Oakland once before. It took state legislation to erase the effort.

The temporary prohibition has expired. Consequently, that tourist trap, grab bag across the Bay is considering a payroll tax for San Francisco. On this side, kooky councilmen consider the Chamber of Commerce a spokesman for people. Dammit, we workers are people. Unless we protest vigorously and vehemently, some nut assumes we need more taxes. Phooey.

In line with nuts, that one holding the steering wheel of our state taxing-cab sez he favors tuition for lower grades of public schools. Well, he does, and he doesn't. Our governor is consistently inconsistent. He says things, then explains to reporters he didn't mean what he said. He does things, then tells dissident constituents he didn't mean to do what he did. Ye gods!

A mechanical governor prevents excessive speed to motors. Our Republican governor not only slows our state to a standstill, he'd have us revolve in reverse. That's okay if you want to go backwards. Shucks, some politicians are poor actors. California has an actor playing poor politics. His advisors write his script. And his advisors write off the working people. Our only recourse is to react when they tread on our interests. Don't forget, silence is a form of assent. We don't agree that takers are entitled to more than those who are took.

Come on, ladies, wake up your husbands, and let's make some noise. Okay? Okay.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held on the first and third Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 761 12th St., Oakland, Calif.

Delegates to the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters are hereby notified that the meeting has been cancelled for April 5, 1967.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday, April 26, 1967, at 7:30 p.m.

Stewards will meet on the fourth Thursday, April 27, 1967, at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternally,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Rec. Sec.

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

The Office of the Financial Secretary is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays; from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays.

Section 2 of our Local Union By-laws has been amended to read: "Carpenters Local Union 1622 will hold their regular meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month."

Our social event will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month following our regular meeting.

The annual meeting of the Local 1622 Good Fellowship Club will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 1, 1967, in the Labor Temple at 1050 Mattox Rd., Hayward. Refreshments will be served.

The delegates to the 8th District Organizing Committee Leadership Conference at Yosemite will make their report to the local union at our regular meeting of Thursday, April 13, 1967.

At our meeting of Thursday, March 9, 1967, the members present voted by motion to endorse David G. Silveria, candidate for board member of the Hayward Unified School District.

Fraternally,
A. W. RICE,
Rec. Sec.

RUBBER WORKERS 64

Regular meetings will be held on the second Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Auto Workers Hall, 1406 Seminary Ave., Oakland.

Executive Board meetings will be held at 5 p.m. at the Union Office, 4638 E. 14th St., Oakland.

The shop stewards' meeting will be held at 5 o'clock at the same address.

Fraternally,
JOHN M. WETZLER,
Sec.

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO,
Rec. Sec.

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge 1546 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building at 10269 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

There will be a special order of business at the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 1967, for the purpose of acting on contributing 15 cents per member for 1967 to the Educational Fund of the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League.

Fraternally,
DON CROSSMAN,
Rec. Sec.

PAINT MAKERS 1101

We are sorry to report the death on March 24 of Brother Fred Castro. He was a member of the Paint Makers Union since 1951 and was employed at the Fibreboard Corp., Pabco Division. We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.

In accordance with Article XXIII, Section 2, of the local bylaws, the financial secretary wishes to announce that there will be no call for an assessment. Repeat no assessment.

On the agenda for the regular meeting April 18 will be nominations for delegates to the Western Joint Council Conference to be held in June. Elections for this conference will be at the regular May meeting.

Next regular meeting April 18, 1967, 8 p.m., Hall C, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
EDWARD MORGAN,
Fin. Sec.

CHEMICAL WORKERS 62

Election of officers and delegates Friday, 8 p.m. April 14, 1967, at Niles Sportsman's Club. Voting booths will be open from 2 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for the benefit of swing shift workers.

Fraternally,
JEROME JACQUES,
Rec. Sec.

AFSCME, U.C. LOCAL 371

Our next regular meeting will be held in 160 Kroeber Hall April 8, 1967, at 2 p.m. The Executive Board will meet at 12 noon. We serve refreshments after the meeting; and we also have a new coffee urn, and Joe Santoro makes a good cup of coffee. Come and try it. We always appreciate seeing new faces, but we also appreciate the regular faces. Let's make a habit of participation.

Fraternally,
W. G. WHITCOMBE,
Sec.-Treas.

EBMUD EMPLOYEES 444

EBMUD Employees Local 444, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, will hold its next Executive Board meeting on April 6, 1967, at 7:30 p.m.

The next general membership meeting is April 13, 1967, at 7:30 p.m. International Representative Robert McLane will make a report of all current activities of our local and Council 49 at this next membership meeting. All members are urged to attend and remain abreast of the rapid growth in public employee unionism in California.

Fraternally,
CHARLES E. TEIXEIRA,
Sec.-Treas.

CEMETERY WORKERS 322

Regular meeting 8 o'clock Labor Temple, Tuesday, April 4.

Fraternally,
JOHN ROWE,
Pres.

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BARBERS 134

The next regular meeting of Barbers' Local 134 will be held on Thursday, April 27, 1967, at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Assembly Bill 678 is now scheduled for hearing in the Assembly. This bill is the cornerstone of correction of the 99 cent barber shop situation.

It is necessary we muster all the support possible as rapidly as possible. Now is the time for all of us to write our assemblymen and senator.

These are some samples you might use:

1. Please support A.B. 678. It is both needed and necessary legislation.

2. Please support A.B. 678, as it would correct a flagrant violation in the interest of the Barber Law.

3. A.B. 678 is a good, sound piece of legislation and as a constituent we hope you will give it your voice and support when it comes before you.

4. A.B. 678 is legislation that has been needed in California for the past six years. We are hopeful that you will lend your support to its passage so we will not have to wait any longer.

Fraternally,
AL DOYLE,
Sec.-Treas.

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 678

Meeting second Thursday of each month at 8 p.m., Cannery Workers Hall, 492 C St., Hayward.

Fraternally,
AL CHASMAR
Sec.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meeting held second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. MCINTOSH,
Rec. Secty.

SHIPWRIGHTS 1149

Regular meetings of Local Union No. 1149 will be held at 8 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 2035 Third St., San Francisco, and the third Monday of each month at 115 Broadway, Oakland.

To renew your Blood Bank membership in Local 1149 for 1967, you must send in your \$2 before April 1, 1967.

Fraternally,
JAMES ALLAN,
Rec. Sec.

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The regular meeting of the Oakland Unified School Employees Union, Local 257, will be at 1918 Grove St., Oakland, Saturday, April 8, at 10:30 a.m. in the upstairs hall. Please note that there will be a social hour after the meeting at 12 noon in the basement hall. Please plan to attend.

The Executive Board will meet at 8 p.m. Members, please take note.

Fraternally,
HAROLD BENNER,
Exec. Sec.

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 382

Meeting second Friday of the month at 8 p.m., 2267 Telegraph Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
JOHN FERRO,
Secty.

BERKELEY PAINTERS 40

The next regular meeting will be held on Friday, April 14, 1967, at 8 p.m.

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CARPENTERS 642

Regular meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month at Carpenters Hall, 242 11th St., Richmond.

Fraternally,
MARVIN MARTIN,
Fin. Secretary

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 677

Meeting second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m., American Hellenic Center, 342 37th St., Richmond.

Fraternally,
TOM WILKINS,
Secty.

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Carpenters Local No. 194 meets each first and third Monday evenings of the month at 8 p.m. The meeting place is the Veterans Memorial Building, 2201 Central Ave., Alameda.

Refreshments are served following the first meeting of the month in the canteen for all present. You are urged to attend your local's meeting.

Fraternally,
J. W. NIXON,
Rec. Sec.

Hatfield will address convention of ILWU

Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield, prominent Republican "dove," will address the 17th biennial convention of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union Tuesday morning.

The convention, which opens Monday, will be at the Del Webb Towne House in San Francisco. Other speakers are scheduled to include Frank Fitzsimmons, general vice-president, International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Our American neighbors

Almost half of Latin America's 240 million people earn \$110 a year or less, according to a United Nations report.

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next meeting will be April 4 at 8 p.m. in Hall H of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Bus. Rep.

BUILDING SERVICE 18

Meeting date fourth Friday of each month. Regular meeting at 7 p.m. at the Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster St., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
VICTOR C. BRANDT,
Sec.-Bus. Rep.

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, April 6, at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Please attend.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Rec. Sec.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES 3

General membership meeting Hall C, Labor Temple 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, the fourth Friday of the month, 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
JOAN WILSON,
Bus. Rep.

New port project

A \$1,750,612 contract has been awarded to Glanville Construction Co. of San Lorenzo for the first permanent facility at the Port of Oakland's Seventh Street Marine Terminal—a 1,282 foot reinforced concrete marginal type wharf which will have rail lines for large gantry container cranes.

Application deadline

Students who wish to enroll in licensed vocational nursing or dental laboratory technology programs at Diablo Valley College this fall have been warned there is a May 15 application deadline.

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Our apprentice governor --new foolish economies

With one person in five suffering some kind of mental illness during his or her life, mental health is everybody's problem.

California's state hospitals for this purpose are among the best in the nation. But, at best, many persons get custodial care instead of cures because of severe shortages of both professional staff members and technicians. During the last few years, community facilities have been developed to treat some kinds of cases without hospitalization. However, with the rapid increase in the state's population, this has not lightened the load on our mental hospitals. If anything, the situation has grown worse.

This is why Governor Reagan's plan to lay off thousands of state mental hospital employees is such a serious matter. It has been attacked by unions involved, whose members are concerned not only over their own jobs but also about the welfare of the patients they have been trying to help. Sigmund Arywitz, executive secretary of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, has termed the governor's proposal "heartless." That is a good word for it.

Governor Reagan first applied his false economies to education, only to learn that those Californians concerned about our colleges and universities are articulate and have stated their case against his proposed tuition loudly and clearly.

But the mentally ill cannot fight back, although proper care could rehabilitate many of them.

"To save money at the expense of these patients," as Arywitz said, "is the worst kind of waste because we will be wasting people."

Reagan has made much of the fact that his predecessor delayed some taxes, allegedly for political reasons.

Yet what Reagan is doing is much worse. He is delaying the public's commitments to human needs—at a time when rapidly growing population is multiplying these needs.

A day of reckoning will come. And then the public cost will be much greater because of Reagan's false economies now.

Extremism vs. responsible dissent

With their shrill voices, the extremists distort reality and attack the integrity of our elected government officials—and our democratic institutions. The article at right shows how these charges become so distorted at times the extremists of the right and left sound alike.

Irresponsible attacks upon the President's character are not to be confused with the reasonable call for talks and de-escalation which is increasingly heard these days among both labor and civil rights groups.

Dr. Martin Luther King has expressed one danger in the trend toward more escalation in Vietnam. He realizes that the nation's poverty and civil rights problems are not being solved quickly enough. Referring to riots such as those which shook San Francisco and, to a lesser degree, Oakland in 1966, Dr. King said:

"Nothing much has changed. I'm afraid we're going to get a repetition of last summer."

The public should talk about whether we are doing enough about poverty and civil rights, and whether we are doing the right things in Vietnam. But we should also make it clear we want no part of the distortions of either the Communist Party or the John Birch Society.

In case you hadn't noticed . . .

Despite rising wages and less sharp price increases, don't think you've got it made.

The purchasing power of the average factory worker last month was 2 per cent lower than it was in February, 1966, according to the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In fact, both take-home pay and purchasing power declined the first two months of this year. Take-home pay went down because the average factory workweek dropped to just over 40 hours.

With a smaller paycheck to start with, the average worker in manufacturing lost further ground when he tried to meet his expenses.

Even though the sharp increases of a few months ago seem to have disappeared, the Consumer Price Index went up one-tenth of one per cent in February and was 2.9 per cent over a year ago.

The person who pays the bills in your family can bear this out.

Right on the Line



BIRCHERS, COMMUNISTS JOIN IN DEFAMING L.B.J.

The Birchers and the Communists are making "almost identical attacks on President Johnson's character and integrity."

So says the Institute for American Democracy, Inc., a new group formed to combat extremism.

The IAD's sponsoring committee includes presidents Walter P. Reuther of the United Auto Workers and Jacob S. Potofsky of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and three U.S. Senators: Clifford P. Case (R-N.J.) Gale McGee (D-Wyo.) and Frank Moss (D-Utah).

'BIG LIE' TECHNIQUE

The John Birch Society, the institute charged, has launched a secret propaganda campaign to convince the American people that the war in Vietnam is part of a long term conspiracy in which the Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson administrations have cooperated.

The institute documented its charge with quotations from Birch literature, noting that the society's leader, Robert Welch, "rewrites history by employing the Communist-Fascist techniques of the big lie and rhetorical question to plant his 'truths'."

SIDE-BY-SIDE

The institute reproduced side-by-side portions of the John Birch Society Bulletin for March, 1967, and the March 8 issue of The Worker, Communist newspaper in New York.

Under the heading "The Truth About Vietnam," Welch wrote in the JBS Bulletin:

"The lead editorial of The Boston Herald, on Saturday, Jan. 21, 1967, began as follows: 'Last week in Vietnam 144 Americans were killed, 1,004 were wounded and six were reported missing.'"

"It is the sad purpose of this article to raise the question: Did the death of those hundred and forty-four Americans constitute deliberate, conscious, and cold-blooded murder on the part of the Johnson Administration?"

The Worker showed a child bomb victim under the caption: "LBJ Loves Children."

The institute observed: "The Birchers do it with words, the Communists with pictures . . . Both versions of the appeal are designed to discredit confidence in the American form of government."

PETITION CAMPAIGN

The institute also showed how Welch is asking Birchers to pro-

mote circulation of his new booklet, "The Truth in Time," and to undertake "the most massive plea by petition ever directed at the American Congress" to stop "aid and trade" with the Soviet Union and other Communist countries.

"This petition," Charles R. Baker, the institute's executive director, said, "implies that 'traitors' are forming U.S. policies influencing the course of the Vietnamese war and calls upon Congress to stop giving 'aid and comfort' to the Soviet Union."

"These is no indication on the petition or either of the 'Truth' books that they are sponsored by the John Birch Society," Baker said, adding that "unquestionably many anxious citizens can be taken in."

"The petition and 'Truth' books raise doubts about the integrity of the U.S. government and all elected officials and both major parties at a time when war-caused anxieties are high and some citizens will be eager to find scapegoats in high places," Baker declared.

Baker said the Birchers have an established strategy of trying to convince Americans that U.S. policy in Vietnam is deliberately contrived to help the Communists achieve a long range goal of world domination.

Welch kicked off the Birchers' "Truth Package-Petition Campaign" with a coast-to-coast speaking tour—including an appearance in Los Angeles two weeks ago.

Advice to 90th

In the light of what has been happening in the 90th Congress since Jan. 9 when the boys and girls came back to town, we'd like to offer this advice with due credit to its original author, the great Negro baseball pitcher, Satchel Paige:

"Avoid fried meats, which angry up the blood. If your stomach disputes you, lie down and pacify it with cool thoughts. Keep the juices moving by jangling around gently as you move. Go very light on the vices, such as carrying on in society. The social ramble ain't restful. Avoid running at all times. Don't look back; something might be gaining on you."—United Mine Workers Journal.

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .

We Run 'Em!

UNION PRINCIPLES & HONG KONG SUITS

Editor, Labor Journal:

In the "Chips and Chatter" column of Carpenters Local 36, March 17 issue, I note that Ralph Thomas stopped in Hong Kong (on the way home from Saigon) and purchased two suits, and we all know they are non-union suits.

This is another example of what many union members are continually doing, causing more unemployment in America.

No doubt Ralph would "scream" if a non-union carpenter was hired for a particular job.

I hope he feels mighty "proud" of himself every time he wears one of those suits.

W. P. LEONARD
Member,
Typographical 36

6 HR. DAY FOR ALL BUILDING TRADES?

Editor, Labor Journal:

The present rate of unemployment in the building trades is 32 per cent, and there is not much hope of improvement to any great degree until 1970, according to one authority. I believe that considering this bleak prospect, the building trades should go to a six hour day now, not sometime in the misty future.

One alternative might be a four day week of eight hour days. But whatever is done should be adopted uniformly by all the building trades.

WILLIAM STUBBLEFIELD,
Member, Hayward
Painters 1178

LABOR & DEMOCRACY

Now men don't agitate for democracy because it is a fine theory. They come to desire it because they have to, because absolutism does not work out any longer to civilized ends. Employers are not wise enough to govern their men with unlimited power, and not generous enough to be trusted with autocracy. That is the plain fact of the situation: The essential reason why private industry has got to prepare itself for democratic control.

I don't pretend for one moment that labor unions are far-seeing, intelligent, or wise in their tactics. I have never seen a political democracy that aroused uncritical enthusiasm. It seems to me simply the effort to build up unions is as much the work of pioneers, as the extension of civilization into the wilderness. The unions are the first feeble effort to conquer the industrial jungle for democratic life. They may not succeed, but if they don't their failure will be a tragedy for civilization, a loss of cooperative effort, a balking of energy, and the fixing in American life of a class structure.

—Walter Lippman.

STABILIZER

We hear frequent proposals for compulsory arbitration or other types of third party intervention, which can only significantly undermine collective bargaining and the ability of the parties to reach agreement on their own. Despite occasional breakdowns, the collective bargaining process has been an important stabilizing influence in our industrial system, and we take this opportunity to reaffirm the need to preserve rather than destroy it.

—William F. May, chairman, Industrial Relations Committee, National Association of Manufacturers.



SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES in employment may result from cutbacks in the federal highway program, the AFLCIO Building and Construction Trades Department Executive Council

warned at its meeting in Miami Beach. The department's president, C. J. Haggerty, former secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, lower left, officiated.

More minority group members working on P.O. job--Cohelan

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ress is being made in each of these areas, and there's still some to go."

TARGET DATE

Another construction firm official predicted completion by the August, 1968, target date despite delays from weather this winter.

He pointed out many more persons will be employed in construction of the huge \$20 million facility as work progresses and added that the kinds of workers on the job at the site on West Seventh street between Wood and Peralta streets will change as completion gets closer.

At present, he said, there are large numbers of Cement Masons and Laborers on the job. These unions have substantial numbers of minority group members and presumably have had no trouble meeting the guidelines for the federally-financed project.

Project Manager Harris said that there were 181 construction workers on the job, 71 of them, members of minority groups.

The previous Tuesday, he said, 40.3 per cent of all the building tradesmen on the job had been members of minority groups, ex-

plaining that the ratio changed from day to day because of hiring requirements of the various contractors.

Civil rights groups have been watching the project, as well as other large federally-financed jobs in the Bay area, for indications of racial discrimination in hiring in violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1965.

Building Trades Council officials have countered that there is no discrimination by their affiliated unions in Alameda County.

Milk Drivers 302 wins Highland Dairy dispute

Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees 302 has settled its dispute with Highland Dairy, 27143 Mission Blvd., Hayward, and the firm is now worthy of union patronage, according to Al Brown, secretary-treasurer.

Brown thanked all who supported Local 3302 in its dispute with the drive-in dairy.

Full support had been voted by the Central Labor Council, and many individual unionists cooperated with Local 302 in the dispute, which involved area union standards and protection.

Hearing on threatened firing of S.L. teacher

The San Leandro school board is scheduled to hold a public hearing at 10 a.m. today (Friday) on a Teachers' Union grievance over threatened firing of a Mexican-American instructor, according to Abe Newman, executive secretary of the Bay Area Council of Teachers.

Another pending grievance involves threatened firing of the president of the Teachers' San Lorenzo local, Newman said.

'A million under contract by 1970,' AFT predicts

The AFLCIO American Federation of Teachers predicts that by 1970 "more than a million" will be covered by its collective bargaining contracts.

The AFT said the 1965-66 school year total was 100,000. It has already risen to nearly 200,000, the union said.

New CLC affiliates

New unions accepted for affiliation by the Central Labor Council this week include Camp Parks Federation of Teachers 1735 and Transport Workers 305.

Political action program planned by Labor Council

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called a "stop the world, I want to get off" attitude.

'VOICE OF LABOR'

Moore pointed out that under changes imposed by the national AFLCIO, the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education will go out of existence as a separate organization, and COPE will become a committee of the Central Labor Council.

"The Central Labor Council is now the voice of labor in politics," Moore declared. "We can't start sooner than today in . . . building the labor movement back into a political force for 1968."

Leroy V. Woods, secretary-treasurer of Hayward Culinary Workers and Bartenders 823, stressed the need for labor political unity and action in Southern Alameda County.

ANOTHER ORANGE COUNTY

Labor must start now to elect candidates who will vote for legislation needed by union members "or we're going to have another Orange County on our hands," Woods warned.

Executive Assistant Secretary Richard K. Groulx pointed out that COPE's campaigns in Southern Alameda County in 1964 and 1966 had helped bring out heavy votes for labor-endorsed candidates, including Governor Brown and Democratic legislators last year.

In response to Chaudet's warning that labor might be "spreading (itself) too thin," Abe Newman, executive secretary of the Bay Area Council of Teachers, stressed the importance of school board elections and pointed out endorsements could be made without giving all the candidates financial support.

It was emphasized that the council will delegate screening of candidates in the races concerned to two subcommittees but will not make endorsements unless there is an acceptable candidate in a particular race.

The council voted specifically to make no endorsement for mayor of Oakland, although it will consider City Council candidates.

Al Thoman, business representative of Carpenters 36, pledged to do his best to coordinate political efforts of the Central Labor Council with those of the Building Trades Council, of which he is vice-president.

C. L. McMonagle, business representative for Automotive Machinists 1546, urged the Labor Council to "reassess its position in politics."

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Building tradesmen threaten picketing at Job Corps center

Building trades leaders have threatened to picket the Camp Parks Job Corps Center near Pleasanton unless corpsmen stop doing work of union members.

But they're giving the new management of the center—including Dr. Robert Branson, who replaced Dr. Stephen Uslan as director—some time to make changes.

The center is operated by Litton Industries under a contract with the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity.

J. L. Childers, business representative for the Alameda County Building Trades Council, reported at last week's council meeting on a session between labor and Camp Parks officials.

Both Branson and an OEO representative indicated that they wanted to cooperate but would have to check with their superiors before making definite commitments, Childers said.

Childers said he issued the warning that unless agreement was reached, there would be "trouble ahead," including the possibility of building trades pickets at the Job Corps facility.

'FEET ON GROUND'

In another matter involving efforts to combat poverty, Childers told delegates that two representatives of an organization calling itself Opportunities Industrialization Center had appeared before the council's Executive Board.

The board, Childers reported, felt the group had a "realistic" approach to the problem of combatting high Negro unemployment in this area.

"They appeared to have their feet on the ground," Childers declared.

But, he added, the building trades union leaders warned them that with 6,000 of their members out of work in this county, there would be few new opportunities in the industry here at present.

The visitors indicated, however, that they would seek the Building Trades Council's help in finding employment opportunities where they do exist, Childers told BTC delegates.

BLACKLIST PROPOSAL

Childers also reported on his testimony before the Alameda County Civil Service Commission's public hearing on the plan to blacklist from county employment workers who have taken part in public employee strikes.

Childers expressed surprise that the Board of Supervisors had even asked the Civil Service Commission to consider such a proposal and urged the commission to "get back into this century."

The Building Trades Council at an earlier meeting voted unanimously to oppose the blacklisting proposal and to work with

other labor organizations against it.

C. D. GIBBON

C. D. Gibbon, former business representative for Steamfitters 342 and one of those who reorganized the Building Trades Council after the American Plan era of the 1920s and early 1930s, was eulogized by Louis Martin, veteran Sheet Metal Workers' delegate, and BTC President Paul Jones.

Delegates adjourned in the memory of Gibbon, who died recently.

MILLMEN RETURN

Ed Coelho was seated as a delegate from Millmen 550, and Jack Archibald and George White were reseated, marking the return of Local 550 to the Building Trades Council after an absence of a few years.

Also seated as a delegate to the council was William Norcup of Tile Layers 19.

In other business, the council authorized Robert Cooper of Sheet Metal Workers 216 and William Ward of Lathers 88 to sign the council's checks in addition to M. B. Dillashaw of Cement Masons 594, trustee chairman, and Paul Jones of Laborers 302, president of the council.

The action was taken because of the illness of John A. Davy of Steamfitters 342, the council's secretary-treasurer.

'Top 4' pact ends elevator walkout

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structors among the top four building trades in each area.

'DIFFICULT STRIKE'

Rueda stressed that Local 8 members wish to thank all other unions for their assistance in a "difficult strike"—the union's first since 1921.

He said the strike was especially difficult because of site picketing restrictions against building trades unions.

About 13,000 members of the AFLCIO International Union of Elevator Constructors across the nation except New York took part in the 49 day strike, which ended after nearly 15 days of almost continuous negotiations.

The five year contract with the National Elevator Manufacturers Institute provides for wages fixed by averaging the rates and benefits of the four highest building trades unions in each city, according to Associated Press.

200 vocational classes

Contra Costa College reports that 20 per cent of its students are enrolled in vocational programs, with over 200 classes in vocational and occupational subjects being offered.



LABOR SECRETARY W. WILLARD WIRTZ, explains new U.S. Labor Department programs and policies to AFLCIO President George Meany at the latest meeting of the AFL-CIO Executive Council at Bal Harbour, Fla.